

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 264

BY SENATOR MORRELL

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. Provides relative to the Inmate Welfare Fund. (8/1/12)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:874(5), relative to the inmate compensation fund; provides relative to disbursements from the fund; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:874(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§874. Compensation account

The inmate's compensation account shall be handled and accounted for as follows:

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(5) All past and present interest income earned from the investment of inmates' money shall be deposited in the fund established for the benefit of all inmates, pursuant to R.S. 15:866.2. The interest earned may be used to help defray administrative costs, to seed new institutions' inmate welfare funds, and to provide for other expenditures which will benefit the inmate population. The interest earned may also be used to provide assistance to indigent inmates participating in the reentry process who have been released from physical custody but remain under the supervision of the division of probation and parole. Such assistance for indigent

1 inmates released under supervision may ~~be provided within fourteen days of the~~  
2 ~~inmate's release and may~~ include but not be limited to assistance with obtaining  
3 proper identification, work placement, counseling, transportation, education, and  
4 housing.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy R. Wells.

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#### DIGEST

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Present law authorizes the interest earned on funds in the inmate compensation fund to be used to assist indigent offenders who are participating in DPS&C's reentry initiative for such things as obtaining proper identification, work placement, counseling, transportation, education and housing. Limits such assistance to within 14 days of their release from incarceration.

Proposed law deletes limit on time period for assistance.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 15:874(5))